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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Lightsquared Technical Working Group Report
IB Docket No. 11-109

Ms. Dortch,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support of LightSquared's application before the Federal Communications Commission. As a former Chief of Police with over 39 years of law enforcement experience, I can recognize the great benefits improved technology has afforded the law enforcement community over the years. Now as an elected official in charge of a multimillion dollar budget, I can recognize the necessity to support robust competition in the marketplace. It is my opinion that companies must be provided the ability to bring innovative communication systems into the marketplace to ensure the services are being provided at the highest possible standards while at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayer.

Throughout my career, I have always been an advocate of interconnectedness and enhanced communication between law enforcement and other emergency services. It is my opinion that any improvements to communication technologies, such as those developed by LightSquared, are beneficial to first responders and local communities.

The law enforcement community must keep up with a volatile environment, an ever-changing social climate and the constant threat of terrorism. As such, our tools need to be state of the art and affordable to use. It is my opinion that this is what LightSquared is attempting to provide. Such technologies can serve as alternatives for local agencies who are seeking communication tools at a decreased cost to the taxpayer.

Finally, as a father to a young police officer, I am eager to see how technology continues to advance to protect my son and the next generation of law enforcement officers. Certainly, I would not expect the FCC to approve any plans that commission felt would jeopardize existing GPS technologies. I truly believe the FCC has the ability to thoroughly address the concerns of GPS manufacturers without political interference. I believe that LightSquared has demonstrated that it has the ability to address the aforementioned issues and should be permitted to make its systems available in the market place.

Very truly yours,

Sheriff Michael Saudino